RE: Janice Broome Brooks

"I had absolutely no influence on the firings at the Department of Human Services. The Legislature stated last year that the agency was top-heavy, and her understanding of that issue has been shown through her leadership at DHS."

RE: Letter from Representative George Flaggs:

"As I said during the legislative session, the economic projections used by the Legislature were too rosy, and the tax collections support that statement. We need to be fiscally prudent, place priorities on issues like education, and not spend money we don't have."